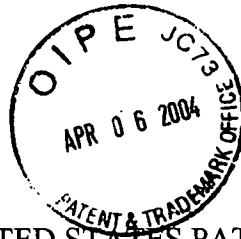


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 SATOSHI NISHIKAWA ET AL.) Examiner: N. Y. A.
 Application No.: 10/735,839) Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

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10/238,693	09/11/02	2176

A copy of the cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /SE/

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